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- 1. The Börgönd airfield is 5.5 6 kilometers southeast of Székesfehérvár. Observations were made under favorable weather conditions, but they were hindered because of the patrols guarding the field.
- 2. The patrols were encountered counting from any one spot around the field, at intervals of about half an hour. In addition, there were Soviet civilians at the entrance to the base who will arrest and interrogate any civilian approaching the main gate.
- The airfield is being constantly improved; this consists of leveling operations, tamping of the ground, elimination of holes, etc. The entire field is covered with grass.
- 4. There is no concrete runway, but the entire field is so level and tamped down that aircraft can take off and land anywhere. There is a 100 x 300 meters concrete apron in front of the hangars (No. 6 on the sketch).
- 5. At the time of observation the signal installations were not yet completed. Part of the lighting system was ready for operation.
- 6. No. 8 on the sketch is a radar installation in the \$0-called "new radio tower." The antenna is 10 meters high and has a "round dish". According to Soviet soldiers aircraft can land at this field at night and in fog.
- 7. Soviet fighter aircraft and light attack aircraft manned by Russian personnel, were stationed at the field. At the time of observation, there was lively air activity by light aircraft: exercises usually in groups of three planes.
- 8. The number of troops could not be determined. They were Soviet Air Force troops with blue braid (also some without braid) and some wearing parachute insignia on the chest. These troops were quartered in the buildings shown

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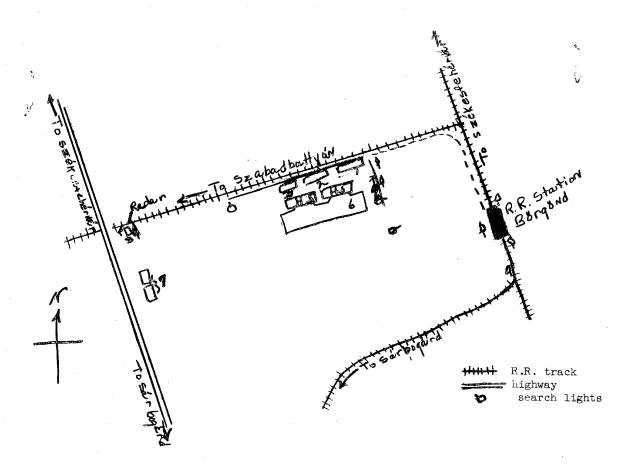
on the sketch (Nos. 1 and 2). About 500 parachute troops were also quartered in these buildings.

9. It was learned that the parachute troops conducted spring exercises in April 1950. They jumped one by one from what appeared to be the under side of the aircraft. These exercises were conducted even in bad weather.

Legend to the sketch of the Borgond airfield:

- 1. Operations building and quarters of the first company.
- 2. Quarters of the second company.
- 3. Repair and assembly shops.
- 4. Gasoline depot(two tank trucks were seen here).
- 5. Two hangars, each 80 x 30 meters.
- 6. Concrete apron, 100 x 300 meters.
- 7. Two new living quarters, each 15 \times 75 meters.
- 8. New radio tower.

The Börgönd Airfield



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